

each night during the week previous to feast beginning Wednesday eve. All members are expected to be present. Adjoining congregations are cordially invited to be with us.

The Salisbury Brethren will hold their love feast on the evening of June 2. The Meyersdale and Summit Mills Brethren, come and be with us. All are welcome.

L. A. HAZLETT.

The Berlin Brethren will hold their spring communion services Sunday evening, May 26.

The Downy Brethren will hold their communion on Sunday evening, June 9.

All of like faith are cordially invited. Personal invitations will be sent to those living at a distance so that all members will be properly notified.

P. M. SWINEHART.

Berlin, Pa.

The Brethren of Tiosa will hold their communion Monday evening, May 27, would be glad to have as many of our brethren and sisters from our neighbor congregations to be with us as possible.

W. A. WOOLLEY.

Communion services will be held at the College Chapel next Sunday eve, May 26. Special ordination services in the morning. All welcome.

J. A. MILLER.

Here and Then

"God sent his singers upon earth,
With songs of sadness and of mirth,
That they might touch the hearts of men,
And bring them back to heaven again."

Will try and present to the many readers of the EVANGELIST a little church news, incident to the last two weeks. While we have much to look after we still have time for labor in the Lord's vineyard.

On the first Sunday of May we were at Godfrey, Kans. This is a place of many happy experiences. A little less than a year ago Sister Detwiler was with us, and her visit was highly appreciated. She succeeded in organizing an S. S. C. E., enrolling many more than was expected by the most hopeful and enthusiastic, and we are happy to record it was an organization that has been helpful and healthful. The spiritual good accomplished cannot be estimated. It has lost a few members and has gained some. The enthusiasm and zeal has grown from the beginning. One of its most earnest members, sister Anna Garber, is in California, but her prayers and sympathy are with the S. S. C. E. at Godfrey. We had the pleasure of meeting with them in their devotional meeting on the evening of the first Sunday of May, and certainly it was a feast to our soul. The service was led by sister Gertie Landen, and to say that she is a successful leader is putting it very mildly. The service was thoroughly spiritual from beginning to end, enlisting the attention of all. The program rendered in connection with the service was choice in its character and excellently rendered. The S. S. C. E. at Godfrey is one of which the sisterhood of the S. S. C. E. may well be proud. Sister Lakin has certainly made an excellent president.

On the eleventh we were cordially invited to attend the love feast at Fairview, Douglass Co., Kans. Was met at that historic town of Lawrence by brother J. D. Ulrick and joined also by Rev. Kimmel and brother W. H. Myers, wife and daughter of McLouth. We drove some sixteen miles to the place of meeting. Reaching the place of meeting, we were made to rejoice in finding two young sisters desiring baptism in order to enjoy the feast upon the occasion. Hurriedly, preparations were made for the service, the ordinance administered, and in the opening of the evening service the two young sisters were confirmed by the laying on of hands, and for the first time were seated at the Lord's table with God's

children. Sunday morning we met in Sunday-school. The school is not so large, but very interesting. Young Brother Burton seemed to be much interested as a superintendent, and at the close of the lesson presented a very nice synoptical view of the book of The Acts and assigned portions of it to the advanced classes for the ensuing week for study in connection with regular lesson. Sunday-school was followed by a very interesting discourse by Brother Kimmel from John 8:16. Congregation was large and appreciative. At 6:30 p. m., met for the closing service of this love feast occasion. Almost an hour was spent in song, prayer and testimonies, followed by a discourse from the writer, from the text found in Matt. 24:14. This certainly was one of the most edifying and one of the most enjoyable feasts we have been permitted to attend for a long time. Here is a fine field for church work and a resident pastor is badly needed to feed the sheep and to gather in the lambs.

A. J. HIXSON.

Pony Creek, Kans.

Brother E. L. Yoder having resigned this charge, and others having disappointed, the writer has been called to take charge here during the balance of conference year. Having preached here more or less for twenty one years, and being in actual charge much of this time, the call came to me quite unexpected and utterly unsolicited on my part. To my mind it is a serious matter, and ought to be attended by much prayer, to call one to take pastoral care over a church believing that prayers—perhaps not by all concerned—in behalf of this church have been and are still being offered, we feel somewhat honored by this call. It is not always that the ordinary, home bred Jake, John, Charles, William, etc., are considered in calls of this nature. "Distance lends enchantment" is about as true as any of Solomon's proverbs. When you read this please emphasize "Solomon" a little. But distance does not always respond. I wonder whether that has not much to do with so many churches being pastorless?

Next Sunday we want to organize a young people's service. No centenarians will be admitted at first. As in years gone by we shall do what we can toward the building up of the cause here, submitting all unto the Lord. "Paul may plant, Apollos may water, but the increase must come from the Lord." Let us believe this, and we may yet learn the secret of God's power.

Will try and give reports from this church occasionally.

Brother L. W. Ditch preached an excellent sermon for us recently. Come again, brother.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Morrill, Kans.

Falls City Items

While wholly occupied in looking after the spiritual interests of the flock committed to our care we have not been forgetful of our co laborers in other places. Sometimes thanking God for the good work being done, at other times bearing on wings of prayer those whose burdens seem heavy.

Since the last report we have received by letter to our membership a mother in Israel who is greatly afflicted. Hope the Lord may raise her up to health that she may be for years to come a helper in his cause.

Notwithstanding the busy season is upon us there is a slight increase in our attendance upon all the services. Especially is this true of the K. C. meetings and the mid-week prayer meeting. It takes self-denial to attend the prayer meeting but the blessing is in proportion. The love that leads to the prayer meeting will find the loving Lord there to give of his life, peace and joy.

The K. C. society last evening entertained in a most royal manner a large number of members from the various Young People's Societies of the

city. The occasion being that of a union meeting of these societies. The program was both religious and social. The religious part consisted of songs, prayers and short addresses on "Character Building." The social part consisted of hearty hand-shaking, merry conversation, and eating ice-cream and cake which the K. C's., furnished. A very pleasant affair it was and one which it is to be hoped shall leave lasting results in good fellowship and Christian service.

Thru the kindness of several good brethren who take great pleasure in looking after their pastor's welfare, wife and I were permitted to enjoy a visit to several of the Kansas churches on the 12, inst. Preached at Pony Creek in the morning and at Hamlin in the evening. We enjoyed this visit beyond words to express. Both because it gave us a splendid opportunity to view the landscape o'er which at this time of the year is of surpassing beauty! and to visit our beloved co-laborers E. L. Yoder and W. J. H. Bauman, also to become acquainted with more of our western brethren for as yet we had become acquainted with none outside our own congregation excepting several from Hamlin. The forming of their acquaintance did us good and hope we may have left something in return which may be helpful to them. Both congregations are doing a good work. For some time they have been looking for a pastor to take charge of both congregations but so far have been disappointed. On account of Brother Yoder's ill health Brother Bauman will look after the spiritual welfare of the Pony Creek brethren the rest of this conference year. Tho not so vigorous in body as he once was yet stronger in spirit and full of zeal for Christ I feel that the church has committed herself to one who by the grace of God may do them much good. We hope tho not able to do pulpit work brother E. L. Yoder may find strength and opportunity to write for the EVANGELIST.

The Hamlin church is not so fortunate in having home talent for the pulpit, but they have life and love enough to keep going without a pastor at least for a time. While here we enjoyed the hospitality of Elder Berkley and wife. We shall not soon forget their kindness. May the Lord bless them as well as all others who cared so kindly for our comforts while with them.

The champion defender of Prohibition in Neb., occupied the pulpit in the Brethren church during our absence and gave several masterly discourses on the ethics of Prohibitionists. Mr. Wolfenbarger did our town great good, and made besides friends for both himself and the cause he has espoused.

L. W. DITCH.

Downs, Kans.

The Portis church held their love feast on May 8. It being the last evening of Brother Enslow's stay with the church at this place the services were impressive, good order and attentive listeners. No immediate results from the two weeks' meeting, but we feel sure the members have enjoyed a spiritual treat. It was not our privilege to hear the brother preach but once, but those who did attend the meetings spoke highly of the words spoken by the brother. Let us heed his last words to us, ever be true and faithful, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

Some of our members have moved to other lands and we miss the brethren and sisters, but we hope to meet them again. The last to leave us was Sister Kirkham. We were made sad to think of the removal of our beloved sister Cora Brumbaugh, wife of our young preacher, Will Brumbaugh, who has gone to her eternal home. She was ever willing to do her church duty and will be missed by many outside of her home circle.

"Dearest sister, thou hast left us,
Here thy loss we deeply feel
But 'tis God who has bereft us
He can all our sorrows heal.

E. TETLOW.